

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer software element, operating in an environment of a computer system
5 having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, said computer system operating in CAPS
LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, wherein said CAPS LOCK
mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be presented on-screen in capital letters,
comprising:
 - (a) means to present a mouse pointer on a display screen of said computer, said
10 mouse pointer indicating the position where mouse events will take place;
 - (b) means to present a mouse pointer of one design when the mouse position is over
a region for user text input and said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK
mode; and
 - (c) means to present a mouse pointer of a second design when the mouse position is
15 over a region for user text input and said computer system is in said CAPS
LOCK mode.
2. A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said software element is
an operating system.
3. A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said software element is
20 an application program.
4. A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said software element is
an add-in module.
5. A computer software element, operating in an environment of a computer system
having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, said computer system operating in CAPS
25 LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, wherein said CAPS LOCK

mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be presented on-screen in capital letters, comprising:

- 5 (a) means to present a text insertion cursor on a display screen of said computer, said text insertion cursor indicating the position where the next typed character will be presented;
 - (b) means to present a text insertion cursor of one design when said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
 - (c) means to present a text insertion cursor of a second design when said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.
- 10 6. A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is an operating system.
7. A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is an application program.
8. A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is
- 15 an add-in module.